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Commissioner for Patents**Suspension of Application**

The declaration filed on March 24, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.131 was not considered as it was not necessary to overcome the Elshourbagy et al. reference, since the amended claims no longer read on the Elshourbagy et al. sequences.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference for SEQ ID NO: 4, ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application. ex parte prosecution is suspended.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eileen B. O'Hara, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0878. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz can be reached at (571) 272-0887.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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